

# Delaware Sex Offenders Profiles and CJ System Outcomes

**For the Sex Offender Management Board**

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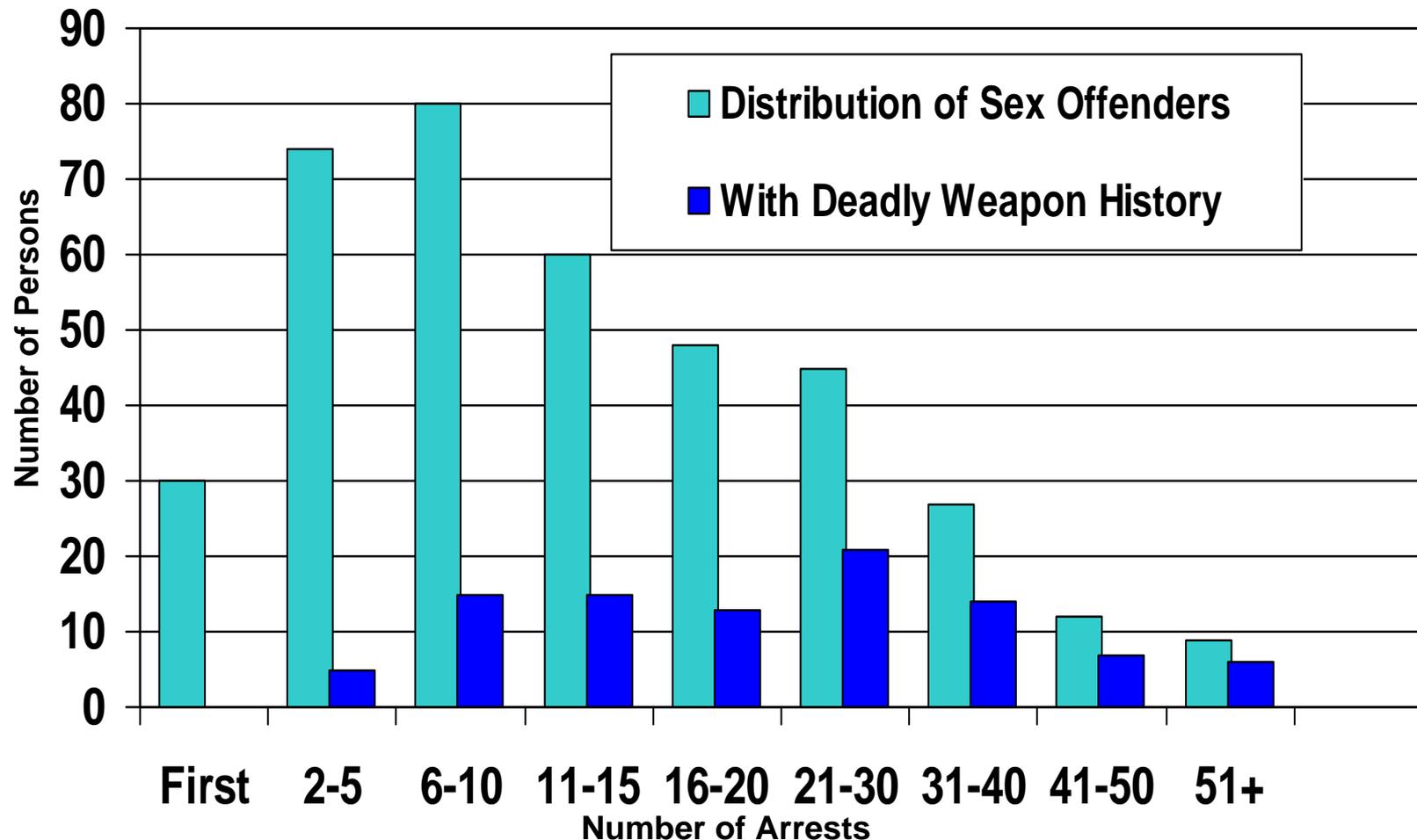
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# Sex Offender Arrest History

- The average sex offender has 15 prior arrests.
- 52% were arrested more than 10 times
- 51% have non-sexual violent felony arrests
- 35% have prior sex offense arrests
- 25% have deadly weapon arrests

# Sex Offenders' Arrests Frequency and Use of Deadly Weapons

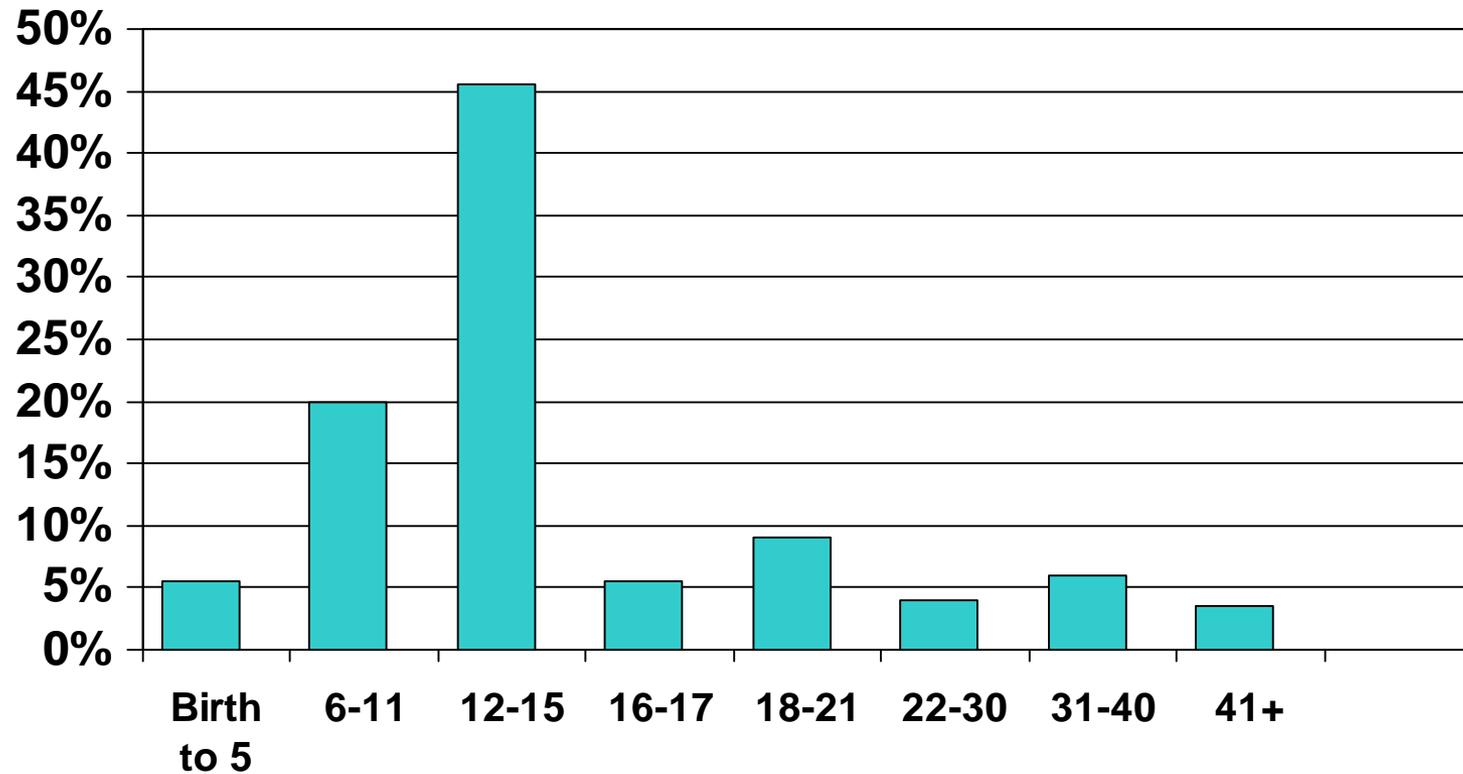




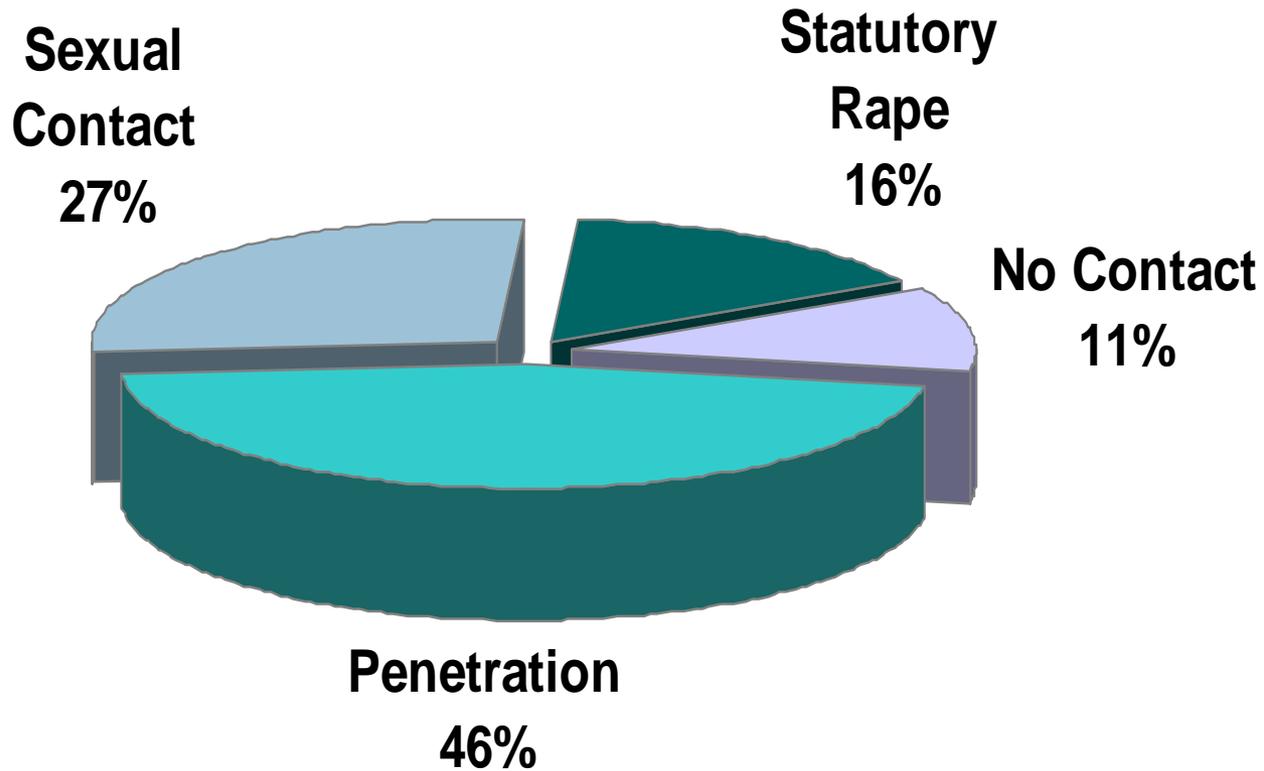
# Sex Offenders' Victims

- 77% are juveniles (less than 18 years old)
- 46% are between 12 and 15 years old
- 89% are females
- 56% are known non-family members
- 13% are not known by the victim

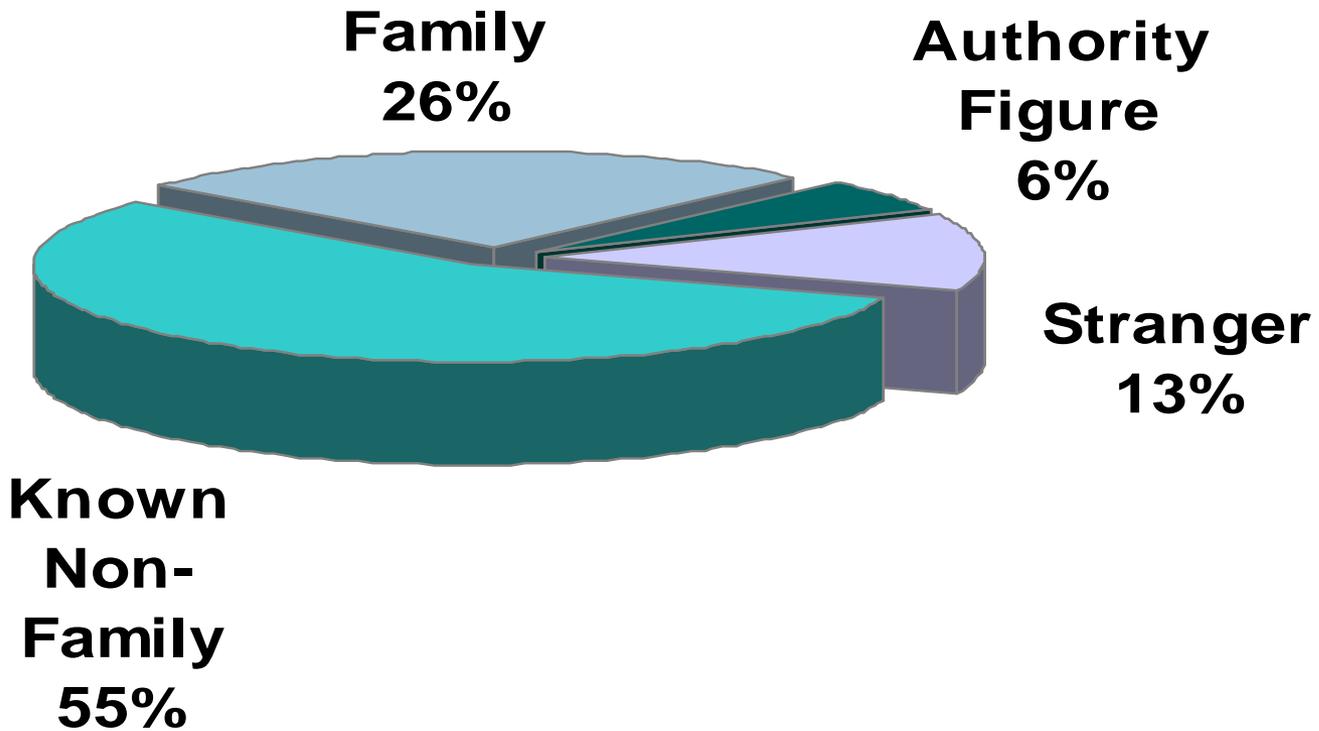
# Age of Victims of Sex Offenses



# Types of Sex Offenses



# Offender-Victim Relationships





# Offender to Victim Age

- 89% of the offenders are older than their victims
- The average age of the offender is 33
- The average age of the victim is 16
- When the victim is between 12 and 15 years old the average age of the offender is 31

# Age of Offender versus Victim

Victim Age

	<6	6-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	22-30	31-40	41+	Row Totals
11-14	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
15-17	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	10
18-21	4	6	32	3	5	0	1	0	51
22-25	2	7	28	1	3	2	1	1	45
26-30	1	9	11	1	4	2	2	0	30
31-35	1	8	14	3	5	2	5	1	39
36-40	1	6	29	6	1	4	3	1	51
41-45	2	7	8	2	1	1	3	3	27
46-50	0	1	5	1	4	0	3	1	15
51-55	1	3	3	1	0	1	0	1	10
56-60	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
61+	0	4	2	0	0	1	1	1	9
Column Totals	17	60	136	18	26	13	19	10	299

Offender Age



# Sex Offender Conviction Rates

- 84% of Superior Court sex offender cases result in a conviction
- 53% of the convictions retain the most serious charge from arrest to conviction
- 47% of these convictions are for reduced charges
- Cases with juvenile victims have a 85% conviction rate
- Cases with adult victims have a 43% conviction rate

# Sex Offender Conviction Rates by Age Group

Victim Age	Number Arrested	Number Convicted	Conviction Rate
Juvenile	231	197	85.3%
Adult	69	30	43.5%
No Victim	85	67	78.8%
Total	385	294	76.4%

# Plea Process for Cases Involving Only Sex Offense Charges

## Most Serious Charge at Conviction

	Num Of Cases	Fel A	Fel B	Fel C	Fel D	Fel E	Fel G	Misd.	Trial Not Guilty	Dismissed (NP)
Felony A	<b>43</b>	7	16	8	-	-	3	1	3	5
Felony B	<b>63</b>		18	14	1	-	8	12	-	10
Felony C	<b>46</b>			25	1	-	4	10	-	6
Felony D	<b>5</b>				3	2	-	-	-	-
Felony E	<b>1</b>					-	-	-	1	-
Felony G	<b>115</b>						69	28	2	16
Misd.	<b>4</b>							2	-	2

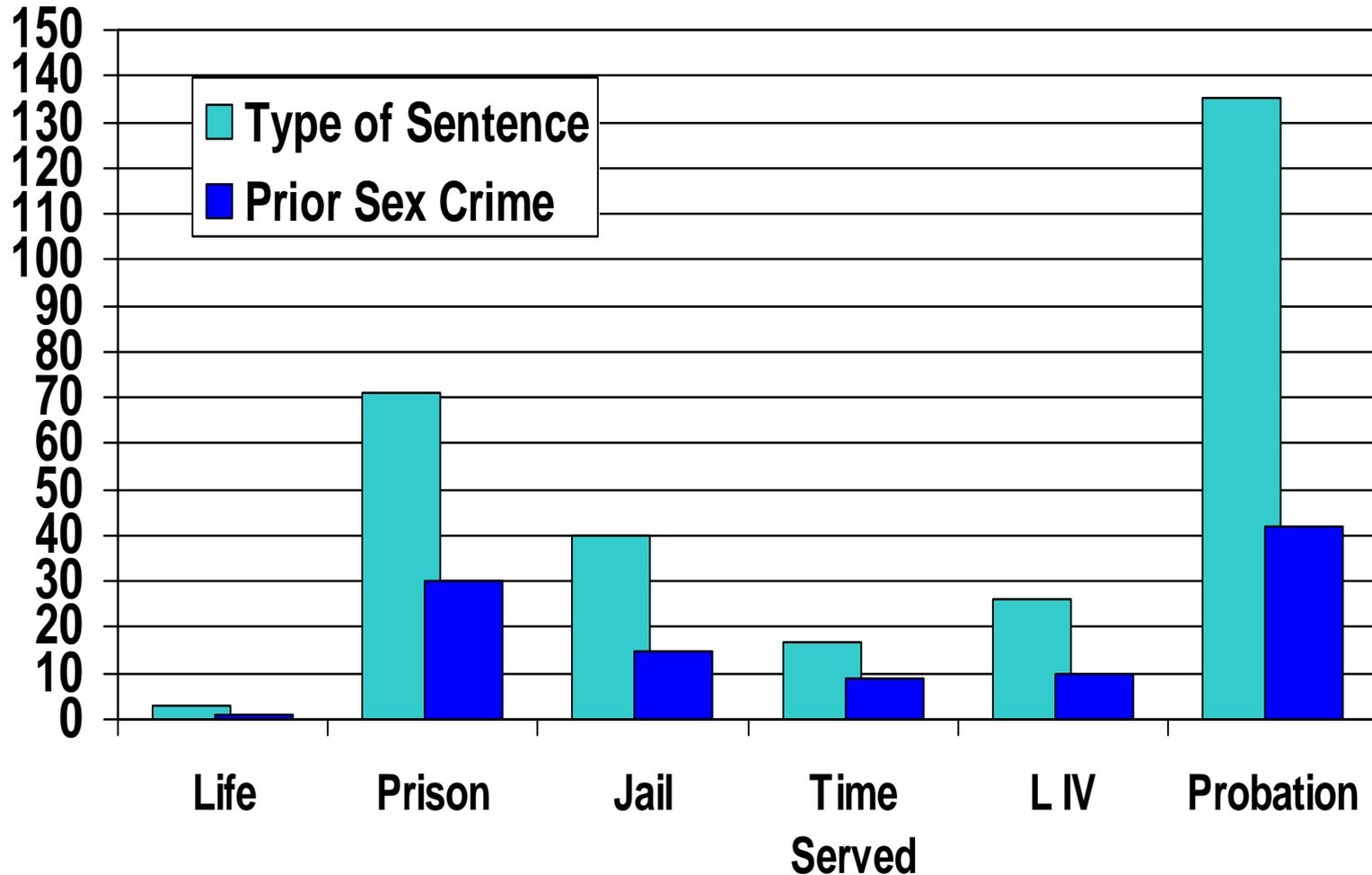
Most Serious Charge at Arrest



# Of the Sex Offenders Convicted in Superior Court ....

- 24% receive a Prison term of greater than one year
- 20% receive a Jail term of less than one year.
- 55% receive a Level IV (WR EHC) or Probation term.
  
- 49% of those convicted of sexual penetration (rape) go to prison
- 13% of those convicted of sexual contact go to prison

# Type of Sentence and Prior Sex Crime Arrests





# Sex Offender Tier Designation

- Tier III is high risk ... 23%
- Tier II is moderate risk ... 40%
- Tier I is low risk ... 22%

15% of the sex offenders do not register because they plead to an offense not requiring registration



# Sex Offender Recidivism

- For those “at risk” (in the community for 2 years), 86% of the sex offenders have been rearrested
  - 61% have been rearrested 2 or more times
  - 31% have been rearrested for a felony
  - 3% have been rearrested for a new sex crime
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- But, from a different point of view, of all persons arrested for a sex offense, 35% have a prior sex offense in their history



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